



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Assault Unit

Date: 06/23/2018

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Type of Offense/Incident: Felony Assault / Shooting

Date: 6/23/2018

Time: 7:24 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 129 E. Nationwide Blvd.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 16

Incident Report #: 180515532

Cruiser District: 162

Victim: Mark Messer

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 25

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

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Victim:

Sex:

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Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

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Incident Summary: On June 23, 2018 at approximately 7:24 p.m., patrol officers responded to a shooting that occurred in front of 129 E. Nationwide Boulevard. Upon their arrival officers located the victim, Mark Messer. He stated he was driving a vehicle on S. High Street and was waiting to turn left onto E. Nationwide Boulevard. He explained he was in traffic and near a group of motorcycles. Mr. Messer stated one (1) of individuals got off of his motorcycle, walked up to the driver's side of the vehicle, and punched him in the face through the open window. Mr. Messer stated after he was punched, he turned left onto E. Nationwide Boulevard and the group of motorcyclists continued to follow him. Mr. Messer stated he pulled off into the parking lot behind the Flat Iron Café located at 129 E. Nationwide Boulevard. Mr. Messer stated one (1) of the motorcyclists smashed the passenger side window of his vehicle with a collapsible baton. Mr. Messer stated he again attempted to get away from the motorcyclists by fleeing west on E. Nationwide Boulevard and that is when a unknown suspect produced a handgun from a backpack and fired approximately four to five (4-5) gunshots at Mr. Messer as he fled west on E. Nationwide Boulevard. None of the shots fired struck Mr. Messer or his vehicle and the unknown suspect fled the scene on a motorcycle at a high rate of speed.

Detectives ask that any businesses along E. Nationwide Boulevard between N. High Street and N. 4th Street review their surveillance video to see if this incident or any portion of the incident was captured on video.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is asked to contact Columbus Police Assault Detective Deryl Kowalski at 614-645-4189 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS(8477).

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Assignment: Assault 2nd

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Assignment: Assault 3rd